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C.I.A. Head Forecast Soviet Weapons Sale

Allen Dulles Anticipated
Deals Ridding Russians
Of Obsolete Military
Equipment.

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Washington, Oct. 14.—Communist sales of arms to countries in the middle east—and possibly in Latin America — has been anticipated by top authorities here for some time.

No less a person than Allen W. Dulles, director of the highly hush-hush central intelligence agency, publicly predicted that the Soviet bloc might unload obsolete war equipment as a way to stir up trouble.

Dulles, in a speech before an international group of police chiefs in Philadelphia last Oct. 3, called this Red program "The Kremlin's New Trojan Horse."

The C. I. A. chief, brother of the secretary of state, emphasized that Russia came out of World War II with "a substantial stockpile of obsolescent and now fairly obsolete military equipment."

Many thousands of medium and heavy tanks were among this hoard, he said.

Immediately after the war, he went on, Russia developed new tanks and aircraft, including the Mig-15, the TU-4 (B-29 type) long-range piston bomber, and the IL-28 light jet bomber.

Many of these have since become obsolete or surplus, he added. He estimated the reserve of available Mig-15's at "four to six thousand."

Although a "god share" of this equipment went to China and Indochina, he said, "there remains ample for other parts of the world."

He said he would not be surprised "if we soon heard that countries in this hemisphere were being approached."

Dulles recalled that more than a year ago a shipment of obsolete arms from Czechoslovakia went to Guatemala. That shipment helped precipitate the Guatemalan revolution overthrowing a Red-slanted regime.

Informants here say that the Russians lose nothing in peddling obsolescent planes; if scrapped, they would produce hardly anything because of the complex alloys that go into them.

Because of the Dulles warning, some thoughtful sources here feel that the United States may have overdramatized the Czechoslovakian deal with Egypt in order to spotlight this new Red technique.

The equipment, if it is as represented, might be useful for muscle-flexing exercises. But how effective it would be in a battle is debatable.

Still, the Communist sales and offers in the middle east have stirred up enough diplomatic agitation to alarm western officials.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov was advised of this western concern when he met with the foreign ministers of Britain, France and the United States in New York in late September.

Molotov refrained from argument, it is learned, and after listening soberly to the western spokesmen, he promised to convey their attitude to Moscow.

It is quite likely that the matter will be discussed at the Geneva conference at the end of this month, even though it is not officially on the foreign ministers' agenda.

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